Public Law 89-513

AN ACT

To amend the Act of October 4, 1961, to facilitate the efficient preservation and protection of certain lands in Prince Georges and Charles Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes.

July 19, 1966 [H. R. 13417]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to achieve more efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 4, 1961 (75 Stat. 780), the first sentence of section 2(b) of said Act is amended to read as follows: "When the Secretary of the Interior receives a commitment, subject to such conditions as shall be agreeable to him and the potential donor or donors, in accordance with which commitment the property referred to in subsection (a) will be donated to the United States for purposes of this Act, he is authorized to acquire by such means as he finds are in the public interest other land and interests in land lying generally within the area identified as 'Fee Acquisition Area' on the drawing entitled 'Piscataway Park', numbered NCR 69.714-18, and dated January 25, 1966, which is on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior."

(b) Section 2(b) of said Act is further amended by inserting at the

end thereof the following new paragraph:

"With respect to any property acquired within the 'Fee Acquisition Area' except property donated to the United States, the Secretary may convey a freehold or leasehold interest therein, subject to such terms and conditions as assure the Secretary control over the property and its use solely in accordance with the purposes of this Act. When the Secretary exercises his discretion to convey such interest, he shall do so to the highest bidder, in accordance with such regulations as he may prescribe, but such conveyance shall be at not less than the fair market value of the property, as determined by the Secretary. Within the 'Fee Acquisition Area', the Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal property or interest therein and in exchange therefor he may convey to the grantor of such property any federally owned property or interest therein within such area. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or if they are not approximately equal the values shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor from moneys appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act or to the Secretary as the circumstances require. The proceeds received from any conveyance under this subsection shall be credited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the Treasury of the United States."

(c) The first sentence of section 2(c) of said Act is amended to read as follows: "To further the preservation objective of this Act the Secretary may accept donations of scenic easements in the land within the described area now leased and operated by the Marshall Hall Park, Incorporated, as more specifically described in a deed, recorded in the land records of Charles County, Maryland, in folio 126, liber 131, and the area designated as 'Scenic Protection Area' on the drawing referred to in subsection (b) of this section."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of said Act is amended by striking "\$937,600" and

substituting "\$4,132,000".

Approved July 19, 1966.

Prince Georges and Charles Counties, Md. Preservation of certain lands.